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Ottawa designer beats out Netflix hits at South By Southwest

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Project safety issues raised

LABOUR

Two workers injured in seven days during LRT construction

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

The city and its LRT contractor are defending the safety record of the Confederation Line, as the president of the city's labour council raised concerns the project is being rushed.

Sean McKenny, president of the Ottawa and District Labour Council, said he is hearing from many workers who feel unsafe working on the giant project.

"The feeling by many of them is that, in their view, there is a constant push on the project in respect to getting work done," he said.

McKenny's comments come as a worker, who was injured in an incident on Saturday, rests at home. Beyond that incident there have been 11 loss-time injuries on the project to date.

McKenny said there have been more injuries than those ones, however, and workers are worried about their safety but are scared to talk about the issues.

"They're reluctant to step forward making complaints, for fear of reprisals," he said.

The city's general manager of transportation, John Manconi, said on the scale of the project, there have been few injuries.

"There have been almost five million hours of work on this project. It's a massive complex project to date there have been 11 minor injuries," he said.

That number includes work on the project dating back all the way to 2013, when it began with widening of Highway 417.

Manconi said there is no reason for workers to fear coming forward and he couldn't comment on rumours about concerns.

"If those employees have those concerns they should escalate them. I deal in facts"

Tim Stewart, Rideau Transit Group's construction director, echoed those comments and said there is no reason not to come forward.

The project suffered a major setback when a sinkhole opened up on Rideau Street last year. Stewart said the company has added extra shifts and workers to make up the time, but is not rushing or compromising safety.

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Airport security gets tech upgrade

TRAVEL

New kiosks feature facial recognition software

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

Passengers landing at Ottawa's airport will now have their faces scanned and enter declarations on a screen, as the government moves to scrap paper entry cards.

While the border agency insists it won't be laying off guards, their union says it will add to a trend of not filling vacant positions.

As of Monday, arriving passengers will face a Primary Inspection Kiosk, in which they complete an on-screen declaration, and confirm their identity using facial-recognition software.

They can also fill out the declaration form on a smartphone app that can be scanned upon arrival in the airport.

Passengers will still pass a human officer before entering Canada, and some will be flagged for further inspection.

When asked Monday, the Canada Border Services Agency was unable to say whether this would save money, how much airports are paying for the kiosks, what happens when the kiosks don't work, what disabled passengers should do, and whether the agency has considered if the kiosks would mitigate or amplify racial profiling.

But spokesman Nicholas Dorion did say that the CBSA isn't firing any border-service officers.

"There will be a reduction in the number of traditional Primary Inspection Line (PIL) booths at the airport. However, it is important to note that there will be no reduction in BSO staffing levels," Dorion wrote.

The head of the Customs and Immigration Union said the border agency will continue to atrophy thanks to this system.

"These machines should be there to assist us, not to replace us," said Jean-Pierre Fortin, who insisted that trained, human guards are better at determining signs of nervousness

When Fortin became union president five years ago, they had 11,400 members, a number that stood Monday at 10,160, despite an uptick in entries into Canada. That's due to programs like Remote Traveller Processing, which lets travellers enter Canada at low-frequency points after an interview using a video camera and phone connection.

"We're hopeful for the budget Wednesday that they'll reverse the situation," Fortin said.

Last September, passengers were stuck in a two-hour processing line at Montreal's Trudeau airport, due to short-staffing and problems with machines that scan entry cards.

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Figure to fix Phoenix: $75 million

TECHNOLOGY

'Ballpark' feds must invest, cited by public service union

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

Canada's largest public-service union wants the federal government to budget another $75 million to fix its disastrous Phoenix pay system, but won't say how they calculated the figure or which departments are most in need.

To commemorate Phoenix's one-year anniversary Feb. 23, the Public Service Alliance of Canada called on the federal government to spend $75 million on a contingency fund "to help ensure federal public service workers are paid correctly and on-time."

They repeated that call in a Monday statement ahead of Wednesday's budget, also asking the institute publicly funded childcare and more permanent jobs instead of contracted work.

PSAC said it's been in touch with multiple departments, and that it knows which ones need more HR and payroll staff. But its executive vice-president couldn't say which departments it would prioritize for the $75 million.

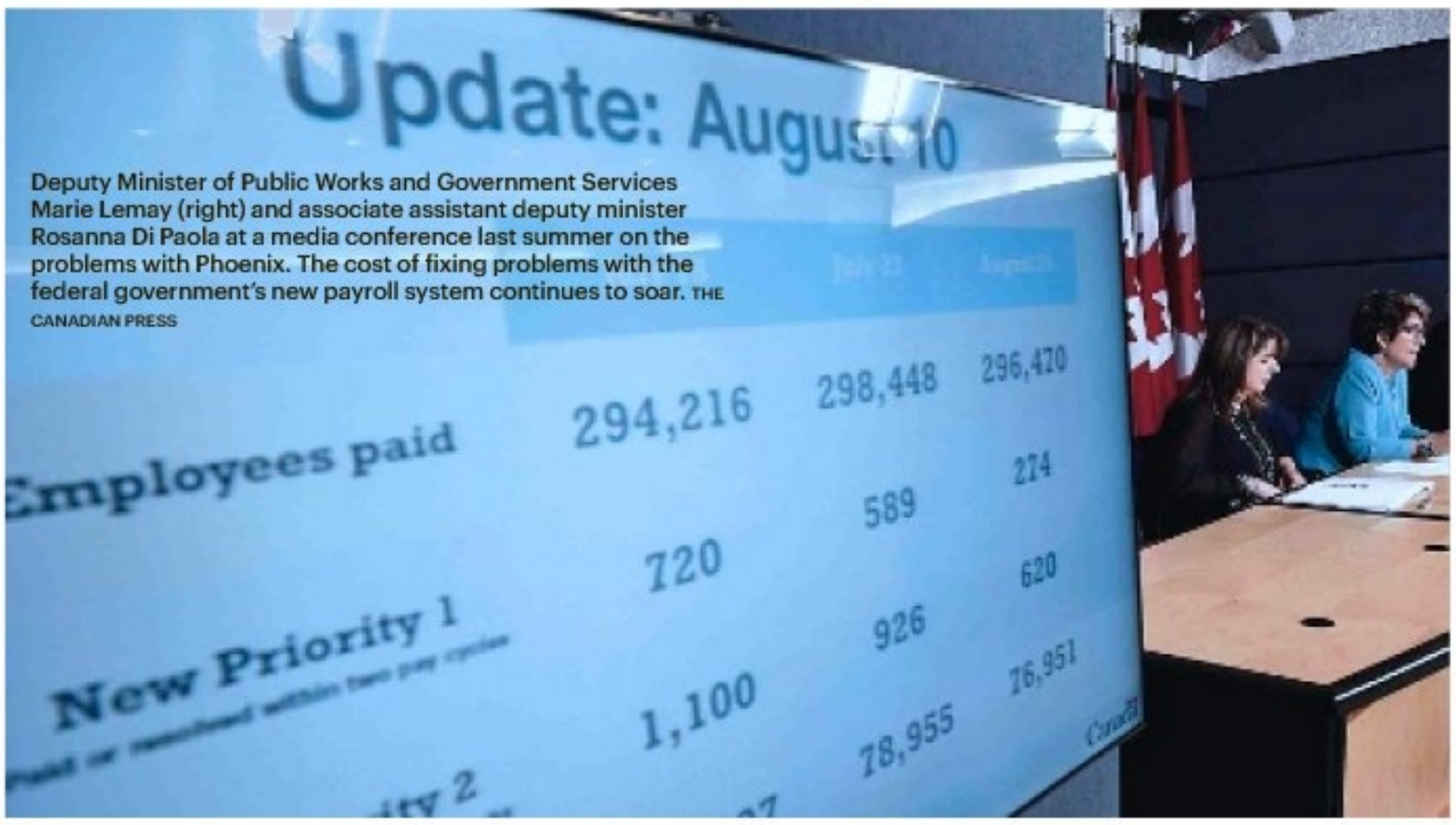
"Sure, it's a little bit of a ballpark figure," Chris Aylward told Metro. "But we've been working with them for a year now, and we can certainly help them identify where this money is mostly needed to help resolve these problems."

> **We can certainly help them identify where this money is mostly needed.**
> Chris Aylward

Aylward hinted that National Defence employees are reporting issues daily, while the CRA and CBSA have had fewer problems under payroll systems that operate parallel to Phoenix.

Annie Trepanier, spokeswoman for Public Services and Procurement Minister Judy Foote, whose portfolio includes supervising Phoenix, refused to say what would be in Wednesday's budget. She noted in an email that "further investments are being assessed" and that the Liberal government had hired "more than 200 additional compensation advisors."

Aylward said that's not enough. "If this government is true to their word in wanting to fix Phoenix, then certainly they will recognize that departments need more resources."



Deputy Minister of Public Works and Government Services Marie Lemay (right) and associate assistant deputy minister Rosanna Di Paola at a media conference last summer on the problems with Phoenix. The cost of fixing problems with the federal government's new payroll system continues to soar. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WEAPONS TRAINING

Province wants all police forces to re-examine use of gloves

The Ontario minister in charge of police regulations is asking all forces to review how they use gloves, in the wake of an Ottawa officer facing a weapons charge, reportedly for the "assault gloves" he was wearing during a deadly altercation.

Const. Daniel Montsion was charged this month with manslaughter, aggravated assault and assault with a weapon in the controversial July death of Abdirahman Abdi. According to media leaks, the weapons charge is related to the officer's use of gloves reinforced with carbon fibre over the knuckles.

Such gloves can be used to break a window or shield hands from bullets, and Montsion used them in his work focusing on drug investigations. But the province doesn't consider them a weapon, meaning they aren't part of the annual training like guns or batons.

Ottawa police are now auditing how many officers use the gloves, and how. Over the weekend, Ontario's correctional minister told reporters she's asked for a copy of that audit, and wants other forces to follow suit.

"This will help inform any future potential provincial policy decisions," Marie-France Lalonde wrote in a statement.

"Officers are increasingly interacting with vulnerable individuals, often with complex mental health issues. That is why we need to modernize police training."

The province's independent police ombudsman also weighed in this weekend. "If (gloves) are indeed being used as weapons, then the ministry needs to list them as such and set some provincial standards around them," wrote Gerry McNeilly.

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson has refused to weigh in. "I accept our lawyer's sound recommendation not to comment on matters before the court," he tweeted Saturday. Criminal lawyer Michael Spratt retorted that Watson can still say whether he supports mandatory training.

Coun. Eli El-Chantiry, who chairs the police board, claimed the glove's role in the trial is "hearsay information."

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COURTS

Tory MPP urges Ontario to enact sexual assault training for judges

Ryan Tumilty
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Ontario Attorney General Yasir Naqvi reiterated in Queen's Park Monday that the government will not mandate sexual assault training for provincial judges, after the opposition raised the issue.

Progressive Conservative MPP Laurie Scott asked why they wouldn't take the step during question period.

Interim federal Conservative leader Rona Ambrose has a bill in the House of Commons that would require anyone wanting to be a federally appointed judge to take training on myths and stereotypes on sexual assault. The bill has all-party support.

Naqvi said Premier Kathleen Wynne has committed funding for public awareness and other messages to end sexual assault.

Yasir Naqvi

"I'm very proud of our premier for taking a leadership role when it comes to a very definitive action plan for putting an end to sexual violence," he said.

He added, however, that the government would not mandate the training for judges.

"We have an independent judiciary. We have to respect the independence of our judiciary," he said. "In Ontario, judges function independently and separately from the government and training and education is within their exclusive jurisdiction."

Scott said introducing training would not threaten judicial independence and would give people more confidence in the system.

"If it's good enough for federal Parliament, why is it not enacted in Ontario?" she said.

She said victims should be confident their cases will be heard properly if they come forward to report sexual violence.

"If I was a victim and was going to a courtroom I would certainly want to know that."

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Ottawan's design: better than Stranger Things

ARTS

Chris Moberg's trailer causes upset at South by Southwest

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

An Ottawa designer beat out some industry heavyweights at the South by Southwest Festival in Austin, Texas, last week, with a book trailer that garnered rave reviews.

Chris Moberg designed the trailer for Jared Young's new novel Into the Current and submitted it to the arts festival almost on a lark, when he saw that it had a low entry fee.

"I thought what's the worst that could happen. I don't get my $20 back?" He won the Excellence in Title Design category for the trailer, beating out the title designs for Netflix shows like the Crown and Stranger Things. Moberg said he was stunned when their name was called.

"There is tremendous talent in this category and for us to win was a big surprise." He worked on the project on weekends and evenings and Moberg said it was an opportunity to learn new things. "It was two and half to three months of evenings and weekends," he said. "This being a passion project I wanted to take something away from it, which was learning some new techniques."

The book tells the story of a man who suddenly finds himself in a plane crash, tumbling from the sky. The trailer features images of a plane, a shoe and a row of seats all falling, which Moberg said he had to source and integrate into the design.

Jared Young, left, and Chris Moberg are back in Ottawa after winning an award at the South by Southwest Festival in Austin, Texas last week. Moberg designed a book trailer for Young's new novel Into the current. RYAN TUMILTY / METRO

> **I thought what's the worst that could happen. I don't get my $20 back.**
> Designer Chris Moberg

Young, who works with Moberg at Ottawa's McMillan advertising agency, said writing a book is a solitary endeavour and even when he is done he doesn't connect with the audience the same way an actor or musician might.

"You never get to sit back and watch the audience experience what you have made."

He said this trailer was one way to deal with that, while also being a new way to promote books. "I always had this idea that book promotion is not a very sexy business and what would be a cool way to bring some energy to this thing that feels a bit staid and laid back."

A screenshot from the book trailer Chris Moberg produced that ultimately won the award at South by Southwest. SUPPLIED

ROAD SAFETY

Police live-tweet speed blitz

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa police are cracking down on drivers' need for speed this week, nabbing drivers going as fast as 120 km/h in a school zone.

The twice-annual campaign, which takes place after summer and March breaks, uses tickets, visible cars and cheeky tweets to remind drivers to slow down.

"For us, one collision causing injuries in one of those school zones, causing injuries, is one too many," says Const. John Hall. "On Twitter, it's part of an education campaign."

Under his handle @TheBeardedCop, Hall spent Monday tweeting about the drivers he'd encountered.

Breaking the news about the 120 km/h driver, he tweeted a photo of the car from Back to the Future, a DeLorean DMC-12, with the words "Unknown if they were attempting time-travel."

Earlier in the morning, Hall posted a photo of Notre-Dame-des-Champs elementary school in Orleans. "Wind gusts today; no wait… it's driver #3 flying by at 73 in a 40 #schoolzone by elementary school."

Since joining traffic enforcement in 2012, Hall said he sees drivers taking the same risks, with teachers and parents often getting ticketed and saying they're running late for class.

Hall will provide an update Friday at 11 a.m. Until then, 28 officers will spend the week ticketing speeding drivers in the morning, midday and afternoon rushes.

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Trudeau replicas turned up at an event last June organized by the Canadian consulate in Atlanta and earlier this month at a Canadian music festival in Austin, Tex. TWITTER.COM

DIPLOMACY

Cut it out: agency bans cardboard Trudeaus

Justin Trudeau may still be a big draw on the international circuit, but his cardboard stand-ins have fallen flat.

Global Affairs has instructed diplomatic missions in the U.S. to stop using life-size cardboard cut-outs of the prime minister to promote Canada. The order follows the revelation last week that prime ministerial replicas turned up at an event last June organized by the Canadian consulate in Atlanta and earlier this month at a Canadian music festival in Austin, Tex.

The Canadian embassy in Washington also rush-ordered a cut-out of its own for use at Canada Day celebrations last year, at a cost of $147.79, including $72.80 for next-day delivery.

The embassy has not explained whether the cardboard Trudeau was ever actually used.

Regardless, it will now have to go into storage.

"We are aware of instances where our missions in the United States had decided to purchase and use these cut-outs," Global Affairs spokeswoman Natasha Nystrom said in an email. It's not clear if the missions ever had departmental permission to use the cardboard cut-outs.

According to emails obtained by the Conservatives through the Access to Information Act, the Washington embassy's interest in using a cardboard likeness was sparked by word that the Atlanta consulate had put one on display at a pre-Canada Day event last year.

Asked if Ottawa had given permission, Louise Blais, the Atlanta consul general, advised the embassy that she did ask but "never got an answer."

Anna Gibbs, senior events production manager at the Washington embassy, was excited about the prospect of putting Trudeau's image on display.

"I think this will be a hoot and extremely popular and go well with our Snapchat filter," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Details on new program to be released

BUDGET

Infrastructure bank could bring more money for social services

A new infrastructure bank could free up billions in new money for social services Canadians regularly use, internal government documents say — provided the experimental new institution meets its lofty financing goals.

The presentation, prepared for the economic growth council that's advising Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his cabinet, shows transit and water projects going through the bank could mean more federal dollars for social infrastructure like child care, recreational facilities and seniors' centres.

Funding for social infrastructure projects, which tend to be less attractive to private investors, could increase by one-third if the bank meets its target of leveraging $4 in private investment for every $1 from the federal government, the documents indicate.

Those documents, obtained under the Access to Information Act, demonstrate the Liberal government's thinking on how money from its long-term infrastructure program could help them meet their economic and political goals.

The program's three streams — social, transit and so-called "green" infrastructure — are worth almost $69.1 billion in new funding over the next 10 years.

Wednesday's budget will unveil more details of how the money will flow and where the funding for the bank will come from, say sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Concerns have persisted that the funding would be diverted away from money earmarked to cities and provinces.

The government has argued the promised infrastructure money remains available even if it is delivered through the bank, which cities and provinces will have the option of using. THE CANADIAN PRESS

JOURNALISM

Metro gets NNA nod for Fort McMurray coverage

Metro Calgary and Metro Edmonton have been named finalists in the National Newspaper Awards for coverage of the Fort McMurray wildfires.

The papers are nominated in the breaking news category for stories detailing the first 36 hours of evacuation efforts.

The coverage chronicled first-person accounts of some of the more than 88,000 fleeing the city, provided timely information to Albertans as the wildfires grew and delivered stories of courage and giving.

"The devastating effect of the Fort McMurray wildfires will not be forgotten by Alberta, or Canada," said Cathrin Bradbury, Vice-President and Editor-in-Chief of Metro English Canada.

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FBI probing ties to Russia

INVESTIGATION

White House moves to cut links to past associates

It's now been revealed that the FBI had two political bombshells ready to drop during the last U.S. election. One, it unloaded on Democrats two weeks before election day. The other it held onto — until two months into Donald Trump's presidency.

It dropped Monday.

In an announcement that could forever affect history's account of the 2016 election, the FBI announced that it has been investigating possible criminal collusion between the Russian government and associates of the Trump campaign since July.

FBI director James Comey revealed it while testifying to Congress. He's the same FBI director who during the campaign commented publicly about an investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails. The news came in a five-hour hearing that concluded with the Republican committee chair stating the politically obvious: this shadow will linger for a while, creeping over the Trump White House.

"There's a big, grey cloud that you have now put over people who have very important work to do to lead this country."

Comey replied: "I understand."

His revelation fanned a low-level fire crackling for months in the U.S. capital over why the Putin government intervened in the U.S. election; what its motives might have been; and whether the Trump team knew about it.

Late last July, Comey said, the agency began investigating contacts between Trump associates and the Russian government — which is believed to have stolen emails from the Democratic party and leaked them through intermediaries Wikileaks and Guccifer.

The investigation will include whether crimes were committed. It's unclear how long the probe will take. And law-enforcement officials wouldn't say a word about which Trump associates were targeted. Comey declined to say whether his agency had questioned Michael Flynn, Trump's just-fired national-security adviser; Paul Manafort, his fired campaign manager; or Roger Stone.

The White House moved to cut ties to all of them.

Trump spokesman Sean Spicer played down the importance of Flynn, calling him "a volunteer of the campaign."

The so-called volunteer was Trump's No. 1 foreign-policy and national-security adviser. The man with the supposedly limited role? His campaign manager, who oversaw the party's national convention.

Another thing the men shared in common, beyond their senior roles: Flynn and Manafort both drew business revenues from entities close to the Putin government, and both were forced to quit over news stories about contact with Russians.

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AFRICA 27 MILLION LACK ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

A girl washes her legs at a water point four kilometres from her home in Aweil, South Sudan.

As World Water Day approaches on March 22, nearly 27 million people do not have access to clean water in Somalia, South Sudan, northeastern Nigeria and Yemen, compounding the problems of famine and civil war, according to UNICEF.

Even those who can find water spend much of their day hiking, fetching and carrying the containers it.

MACKENZIE KNOWLES-COURSIN/UNICEF VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

The countdown begins: Britain to start EU exit on March 29

Britain will begin divorce proceedings from the European Union on March 29, starting the clock on two years of intense political and economic negotiations that will fundamentally change both the nation and its European neighbours.

The trigger for all this tumult is the innocuous-sounding Article 50 of the EU's Lisbon Treaty, a never-before-used mechanism for withdrawing from the bloc.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ADVOCACY

Human rights commission calls hearing to address Trump policies

A pan-American commission will hold an emergency hearing in Washington to investigate the impact of U.S. President Donald Trump's executive orders on human rights in the country.

Tuesday's hearing by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights was prompted by the requests from advocates in Canada and the U.S. to review what they called "deteriorating" conditions faced by asylum seekers and other migrants under the Trump administration.

These groups have asked the commission to make findings that Trump's travel ban against six Muslim-majority countries, which has been temporarily blocked by judges, and his expansion of detention and deportation against migrants violate U.S. human rights obligations. Some of the groups hope the human rights body will rule the U.S. is not safe for refugees and recommend the suspension of the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement.

"The expedited removals and expansion of detention under the orders are going to have profound implications on the U.S. asylum system," said Efrat Arbel, a University of British Columbia law professor who co-authored, with the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program, a recent review of Trump's executive orders. The commission is part of the Organization of American States, made up of 35 countries, with a mission to promote and protect human rights in the American hemisphere.

Since Trump's executive orders were issued, an increasing number of asylum seekers have risked their lives to cross the border outside of formal ports of entry into Canada in order to skirt the safe country agreement restrictions. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Kid builds Lego for rent biz

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Fans can pick from six sets of building blocks

Sarah Hoyles
For Metro | Edmonton

Gavin Gariepy, 10, has started a new business called Rent A Brick, where he rents out expensive lego sets to fellow Lego fans.
SARAH HOYLES/FOR METRO

A 10-year-old from Edmonton is building a business out of Lego.

Gavin Gariepy is renting out his collection of the toy building blocks as part of a new venture called Rent a Brick.

"Big Lego sets can be very expensive," said Gariepy. "Not everyone can afford the biggest sets, so I thought people should get to try the amazing ones like these."

Currently, Lego enthusiasts can pick from six available sets, including the 2,144-piece Star Wars-themed Assault on Hoth Set which includes the wampa that captures Luke Skywalker, according to the Rent a Brick website.

Gariepy takes rental bookings via text or through his website. Rentals start at $15 and last for seven days, which Gariepy figures provides "more than enough time to build and play with it. Then give it back."

He first got the idea of a Lego rental company last year, but needed capital. So he applied for a $500 grant from a local bank.

Russ Morrow, CEO of River City Credit Union, said his financial institution gives 10 grants to youth aged 8-13 every year as part of a program for young entrepreneurs.

"It helps kids have an entrepreneurial experience," he said.

Gariepy got his startup cash in June 2016, and spent it on building and maintaining a website at rentabrick.ca, as well as printing up business cards. He officially launched his company in January.

Since then, Gariepy has had a handful of renters, mostly kids, but some adults, he said.

Gariepy is planning to reinvest his profits to purchase more Lego sets and expand his inventory.

FARMING

Ottawa's FarmLead harvests $6.5M in funding

Craig Lord
Ottawa Business Journal

After carefully tending to its seed round, Ottawa-based FarmLead has successfully harvested $6.5-million US in series-A funding.

The round was led by the investment arm of Monsanto Co., one of the largest agricultural biotechnology firms in the world. Avrio Ventures, MaRS Investment Accelerator Fund and Serra Ventures also contributed to the round.

FarmLead provides an online marketplace for farmers to sell their grain. A press release announcing the funding says that the company now serves 4,000 farms across North America, with levels of tonnage traded increasing by 200 to 300 per cent year-over-year.

Posting and negotiating on the site is free, but the company takes a small percentage of each transaction. Co-founder and CEO Brennan Turner told Techopia Live that the average deal on FarmLead's marketplace is valued at $70,000.

Accompanying the funding round is the completion of an office expansion into Chicago, which the company identifies as a key access point to U.S. grain regulators.

Kiersten Stead of Monsanto Growth Ventures and Aki Georgacacos of Avrio Ventures will join FarmLead's board of directors as part of the funding deal.

"Despite the recent levels of technology innovation in agriculture, very few companies are aimed at the critical commerce piece of the equation that helps farmers realize profits from day one," said Stead in a statement. "FarmLead built a platform that can do just that and is a key part of a diversified approach to marketing and trading grain."

"This investment signals the appetite for a solution that accelerates the rates of commercial grain marketing transactions," said Turner in a statement.

FarmLead co-founders Alain Goubau and Brennan Turner.
CRAIG LORD/OTTAWA BUSINESS JOURNAL

RESEARCH

Gum new lure for shoppers

Retailers hoping to engage shoppers may want to try handing out bubble gum at the door, according to new research.

In a series of five studies, researchers from Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Management in Toronto found that handing out gum to shoppers encouraged them to shop for more items and with a higher level of engagement.

The act of chewing made the shoppers more alert.

"If you're more alert, you're more likely to absorb the information that is in the store — the promotional and even the nutritional labels — and have the cognitive function to absorb that information," said Seung Hwan (Mark) Lee, associate professor, retail management, at Ryerson University's Ted Rogers School of Management.

The results were published in the Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services.

Although one of the five studies found that people chewing gum as they shopped for groceries were more likely to buy more items, none of the studies made a strong connection between chewing gum and money spent.

"I can't say from my research that it has led to buying more products or more expensive products, but one can sort of deduce that if people are browsing more and spending more time shopping, it could result in higher sales," said Lee.

The studies were conducted in Denver and Toronto, and included testing in a lab where volunteers were asked to imagine they were shopping online, a study that involved volunteers being asked to shop at Amazon.com, and a field study involving 56 grocery store shoppers at an unnamed retailer in Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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KEEPING TRANSIT ON TRACK

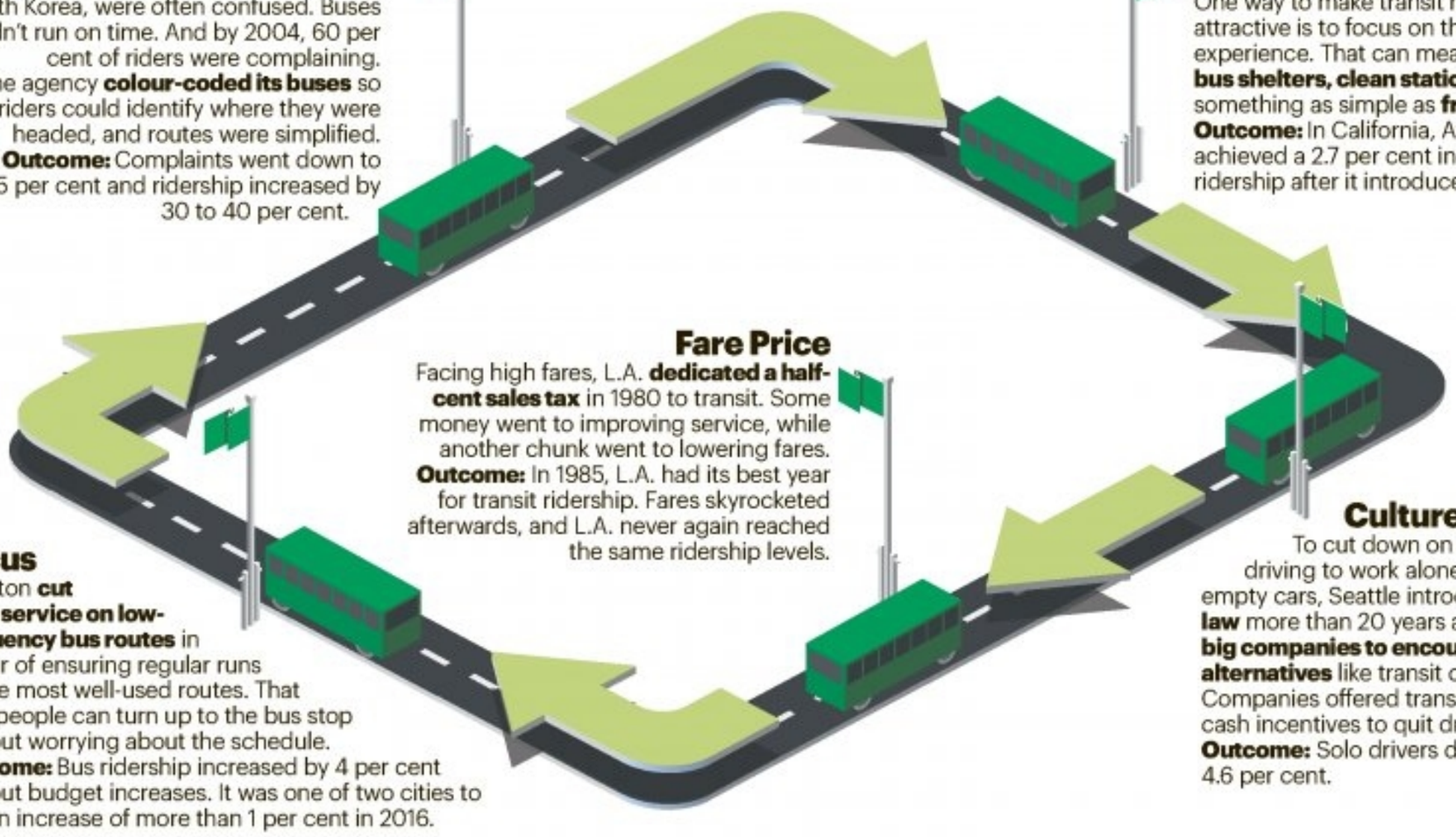
Transit ridership declined across North America in 2016, causing a revenue shortage in dozens of cities. It's tempting for some agencies to consider cutting service or increasing fares to make up the difference. But those moves can cause further declines in ridership, creating a vicious cycle. **Instead, Metro looks at how cities can get on a more virtuous cycle.**

Primary Concerns

With 600 routes, bus riders in Seoul, South Korea, were often confused. Buses didn't run on time. And by 2004, 60 per cent of riders were complaining. The agency **colour-coded its buses** so riders could identify where they were headed, and routes were simplified. **Outcome:** Complaints went down to 15 per cent and ridership increased by 30 to 40 per cent.

Wider Web

One way to make transit more attractive is to focus on the customer experience. That can mean **better bus shelters, clean stations,** or something as simple as **free Wi-Fi**. **Outcome:** In California, Amtrak achieved a 2.7 per cent increase in ridership after it introduced free Wi-Fi.



Fare Price

Facing high fares, L.A. **dedicated a half-cent sales tax** in 1980 to transit. Some money went to improving service, while another chunk went to lowering fares. **Outcome:** In 1985, L.A. had its best year for transit ridership. Fares skyrocketed afterwards, and L.A. never again reached the same ridership levels.

Focus

Houston **cut back service on low-frequency bus routes** in favour of ensuring regular runs on the most well-used routes. That way, people can turn up to the bus stop without worrying about the schedule. **Outcome:** Bus ridership increased by 4 per cent without budget increases. It was one of two cities to see an increase of more than 1 per cent in 2016.

Culture Shock

To cut down on people driving to work alone in mostly-empty cars, Seattle introduced **a law** more than 20 years ago **forcing big companies to encourage alternatives** like transit or carpooling. Companies offered transit passes or cash incentives to quit driving. **Outcome:** Solo drivers declined by 4.6 per cent.

WORD ON THE STREET by Sarah-Joyce Battersby

Popping ballooning budgets on mega infrastructure jobs

Matti Siemiatycki CONTRIBUTED

The federal government is expected to flesh out a plan Wednesday to invest almost $190 billion in infrastructure over the next 12 years.

But will it be enough?

Whether it's Boston's Big Dig, Europe's Chunnel or (insert your local project here), mega projects are rarely on-budget. In fact, they chronically rack up extra costs.

Metro asked Matti Siemiatycki, a planning professor at the University of Toronto, why it happens, and how to fix it.

While mega projects are complex, consistent overruns suggest it's not random, he said. If it was, planners would guess under budget sometimes, which rarely happens.

Instead, one theory goes that someone is lying, either to themself or to others.

Lying to oneself is called optimism bias. It means we imagine best-case scenarios and hope issues can be controlled even as things go off the rails.

Lying to others is what leading scholar Bent Flyvbjerg calls strategic misrepresentation. Large projects sometimes incentivize fudging both the costs and the benefits, like giving overly sunny ridership projections for a transit project, in order to win public and political support.

But Siemiatycki has solutions.

Collect data: Governments should fire up the analytics machine and turn infrastructure planning into a numbers game, collecting stats on mega projects as diligently as baseball teams do for batters.

Change incentives: Reward the best solution, not the cheapest. Data could help here, giving better insight into which builders provide accurate budget and time projections, and put them at the top of the heap for bids.

Budget boot camp: A U.K. program put all civil servants working on projects over a certain cost threshold through a training program to ward off bad planning.

Rope in private dollars: When public projects team up with private enterprise often the same people are responsible for designing, building and maintaining it, so they can't pass the buck or dodge deadlines. Also, the deals generally reward meeting targets along the way.

However it's done, fixes need to come soon, said Siemiatycki, who fears public confidence in government is waning "not only to deliver projects, but to use infrastructure to address the major challenges that our communities face."

PUBLIC WORKS
The week in urbanism

Sweden gets all the cool things
A Stockholm architecture firm has proposed a giant, glass egg-shaped indoor park. The idea is to give Stockholmers a green refuge during the long, cold winter months. The warm air for the greenhouse-like facility would come from a nearby underground parking lot.

Walk this way
Dubai has introduced a "smart" pedestrian traffic signal. Using sensors and cameras, it automatically detects the needs of pedestrians (walk time, number of pedestrians) on the sidewalk and in the crosswalk, and adjusts traffic signals accordingly.

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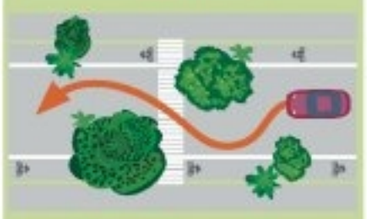

DEFINITION
Woonerf is a Dutch word for streets that give equal priority to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians by placing them all on the same level and reducing driving speeds to walking pace. Also referred to as "home zones."

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Emma felt safe walking down the neighbourhood **woonerf**, which put her at eye level with motorists.

CITY CHAMP

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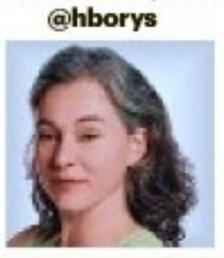

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In recount of Paris heist, Kim Kardashian West says she 'mentally prepped' for possible rape

All of this centres on Eurocentric beauty standards, which privilege those who are white or are white adjacent in appearance

Shantel Buggs, PhD candidate in sociology at University of Texas

The structural emasculation of Asian men in all forms of media became a self-fulfilling prophecy that produced an actual abhorrence to Asian men in the real world

TV host Eddie Huang

It's easy to keep yourself in the dark about racism and bias when you are part of the majority, and I seem to have shone a bit of light about this in those spaces

Hadiya Roderique, lawyer

Racism in the dating game

CULTURE

Black women and Asian men the victims of cultural biases

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"I'm open to dating women of all backgrounds," he tells me. "Except for black women."

"I've just never been attracted to Asian men," she says.

Uncomfortable yet? Unfortunately, the vast majority of singles I've worked with have clear racial preferences and biases when it comes to dating. Now that I'm four years into professional matchmaking, I've seen clear patterns emerge when it comes to race and attraction.

White men: congratulations! Women of every racial background seem to strongly prefer dating you. Asian and Latin women are most popular with the gents. Black women and Asian men are the two groups most notably at a dating disadvantage. They are the hardest singles for me to match, because they tend to be excluded from the match searches of the majority of clients.

The online dating world is also stacked against them. According to Christian Rudder's OKCupid blog, stats from 2014 show that 82 per cent of non-black men on OKCupid show some bias against black women. Asian men's profiles are consistently rated the lowest by single women using online dating sites. But why?

"Attractiveness is a very haphazard dish that can't be boiled down to height or skin colour, but Asian men are told that regardless of what the idyllic mirepoix is or isn't, we just don't have the ingredients," television host Eddie Huang recently wrote in the New York Times.

Pop culture is a window into desire. Consider the male Asian characters in movies you've seen in the last several years. When was the last time you saw a North American film where a desirable Asian man played the lead and didn't know martial arts?

A similar story presents itself when we deconstruct black women in popular culture. In film and television, black women are often portrayed as two-dimensional "strong and sassy" stereotypes. When cast as a romantic interest, they're usually played by biracial or multiracial women with lighter skin tones.

"Society tells us that black women are hypersexual but also more masculine than other women, while it suggests that Asian men are less masculine — to the point of being effeminate — and that they are physically less attractive," says Shantel Buggs, a PhD Candidate in Sociology at the University of Texas.

The exclusion of Asian men is a particularly visible problem in the gay community. "No rice, no spice" is the social networking apps Scruff and Grindr parlance for "no East Asian men, no South Asian men." Straight people aren't as upfront about their prejudices, but having spoken to several women of colour about their time online, they seem to get fewer matches than other women and are frequently fetishized when they do connect.

In a recent feature article in the Walrus, lawyer Hadiya Roderique detailed her challenges dating as a woman of colour. When Hadiya photoshopped her dating profile photos so that she appeared to be a white woman, her profile's popularity skyrocketed.

"When you combine demographics, the fact that users disproportionately message others of the same race, fetishism, sexualization of blackness, racism and anti-blackness, it adds up to — to put it mildly — a 'harder time' in those spaces," she said.

So are you racist if you aren't open to dating everyone? I don't know. Are you the product of a racist society? Undoubtedly, yes. We all are. And we're going to have to work hard at being inclusive and open-minded in dating and in every other aspect of life if we're set on making any progress at all. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Knit this into a routine and untie those knots

YOGA

The Twisted Stitcher pose is tailor-made for warming up

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This week's offering is one of the exercises my granny would do, much to my chagrin, while watching me at the playground.

I use it today as a pre-yoga warm-up to mobilize the spine, relax the shoulders and improve circulation in the hands.

Take note knitters, crocheters and other textile artists: this one is tailor-made for you.

1. Situate yourself in a wide-open space with your feet set shoulder-distance apart and arms hanging slackly by your sides.

2. Rotate your spine to the right as you gaze over the right shoulder and pivot onto your left toes to protect your knees. Then, do the same on the second side.

3. Turn from side-to-side, gaining speed as you go.

4. Curl your hands into loose fists and, moving only with momentum, percussively massage your lower back.

5. Then, bring the hands up to thump the fronts of your shoulders.

6. Finally, gain enough momentum to throw the arms over your shoulders and tenderize your upper back and the corners of your neck for five or more breaths.

7. Decelerate until the body comes to stillness and your arms hang heavy by your sides.

8. Notice the warmth in your hands and the feeling of well-being.

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YuMee demonstrates a Twisted Stitcher. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PROSTATE DRUGS' DEPRESSION LINK

A common class of medications used to treat urinary symptoms in men with an enlarged prostate does not boost the risk of suicide, but in rare cases can cause depression, a study has found.

Researchers investigating the potential adverse effects of finasteride and dutasteride after Health Canada issued a warning about a possible link between the drugs and suicidal behaviour. These drugs, known as 5-alpha reductase inhibitors, or 5ARIs, work by shrinking the prostate.

"Our study shows that 5-alpha reductase inhibitors do not lead to an increased risk of suicide," said Dr. Blayne Welk, a urologist at Western University in London, Ont., who led the study. "However, it is concerning that we found a small but significant increase in the risk of self-harm and depression."

Researchers analyzed 2003-13 health data from the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences for 186,000 men over age 65 with an enlarged prostate, half of whom were being treated with finasteride or dutasteride and half of whom had not been prescribed either of the drugs.

Among the men who took one of the medications, there were 38 deaths from suicide: 16 of them were taking finasteride and 22 were on dutasteride. But in the group that was not prescribed one of the 5ARI medications, 36 also took their own lives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RANKING

Happiness is not all about money: study

We're happy...just a little less happy than usual.

That's the main Canadian takeaway from the World Happiness Report where the country dropped to its lowest-ever ranking, coming in at seventh place, having usually occupied fifth or sixth on the list.

Norway is now the happiest country on Earth, Americans are getting sadder, and it takes more than just money to be happy were the other primary findings.

Norway vaulted to the top slot despite the plummeting price of oil, a key part of its economy. Income in the U.S. has gone up over the past decade, but happiness is declining. The U.S. was 14th, down from No. 13 last year.

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Canada dropped from sixth place to seventh in the new World Happiness Index.

"It's the human things that matter. If the riches make it harder to have frequent and trustworthy relationship between people, is it worth it?" asked John Helliwell, the lead author of the report and an economist at the University of British Columbia. "The material can stand in the way of the human."

Norway moved from No. 4 to the top spot in the report's rankings, which combine economic, health and polling data compiled by economists that are averaged over three years from 2014 to 2016. Norway edged past previous champ Denmark, which fell to second. Iceland, Switzerland and Finland round out the top 5.

"Good for them. I don't think Denmark has a monopoly on happiness," said Meik Wiking, chief executive officer of the Happiness Research Institute in Copenhagen, who wasn't part of the global scientific study that came out with the rankings.

"What works in the Nordic countries is a sense of community and understanding in the common good," Wiking said.

Still, you have to have some money to be happy, which is why most of the bottom countries are in desperate poverty. But at a certain point extra money doesn't buy extra happiness, Helliwell and others said.

Central African Republic fell to last on the happiness list, and is joined at the bottom by Burundi, Tanzania, Syria and Rwanda.

The report ranks 155 countries. The economists have been ranking countries since 2012, but the data used goes back farther so the economists can judge trends.

The rankings are based on gross domestic product per person, healthy life expectancy with four factors from global surveys. In those surveys, people give scores from 1 to 10 on how much social support they feel they have if something goes wrong, their freedom to make their own life choices, their sense of how corrupt their society is and how generous they are.

Study co-author and economist Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University said in a phone interview from Oslo that the sense of community, so strong in Norway, is deteriorating in the United States.

"We're becoming more and more mean spirited. And our government is becoming more and more corrupt. And inequality is rising," Sachs said, citing research and analysis he conducted on America's declining happiness for the report. "It's a long-term trend and conditions are getting worse."

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YouTubers hit out at 'restricted' filter

SOCIAL MEDIA

Tegan and Sara lead calls to lift block on gay, trans content

A chorus of Canadian LGBTQ YouTubers, including pop duo Tegan and Sara, is calling for the video service to stop filtering out gay and trans-themed videos for some users.

The Calgary-raised sisters took to social media to question why YouTube's "restricted" setting blocks a wide variety of LGBTQ-friendly content for no clear reason.

"If you put YouTube on restricted mode a bunch of our music videos disappear. I checked myself. LGBTQ people shouldn't be restricted. SAD!" Tegan and Sara (below) tweeted. Among the missing clips were videos from their latest album, including for "That Girl" and "U-turn."

They were joined by Halifax singer Ria Mae, who said her video for Gold, which features the singer in a lesbian relationship, was also being filtered out.

Calgary sisters Tegan and Sara joined the backlash against YouTube's filter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Young gay kids need to see themselves represented and they need to know it's normal, it's OK and it's not X-rated," Mae said in a video on her Instagram account.

"It sends a bad message to young gay kids and young trans kids that their lives are not normal or acceptable."

At issue is YouTube's "restricted" designation, which lets parents, schools and libraries filter content that may be considered inappropriate for users under 18. YouTube calls it "an optional feature used by a very small subset of users."

What's unclear is whether the types of videos in question are being labelled as "restricted" for the first time, or if this has been an ongoing practice that's only recently gained attention.

Video producer Michael Rizzi, who's based in Toronto, says he's concerned with the message it sends to loyal YouTube users. He's seen 176 of his 236 videos disappear in "restricted" mode, representing 75 per cent of the clips he's uploaded over the past five years.

"It's more a feeling of being pushed to the side," Rizzi says. "It's a pretty big screw-up on their end."

In an emailed statement on Monday, YouTube acknowledged the filter saying "some videos that cover subjects like health, politics and sexuality may not appear for users and institutions that choose to use this feature."

YouTube added later that "some videos are incorrectly labelled by our automated system and we realize it's very important to get this right."

"We're working hard to make some improvements," the company said without offering further details.

The lack of information has left YouTubers struggling to determine what's being sifted out, what isn't and why it's happening.

Rizzi suspects video tags like "LGBT" or "gay couple" may be triggering the filter for 7 Things I Love About My Boyfriend, a video he says shouldn't be restricted for a younger audience.

Even his clip commissioned for YouTube's #ProudToBe campaign, timed to last year's Pride Month, is now filtered out.

"YouTube's own equality campaign is restricted, which is probably the weirdest part of everything," Rizzi says.

Fellow YouTuber Stef Sanjati has seen about 20 per cent of her content - or 49 videos - filtered in the site's "restricted" mode. She says the filter is hiding clips of her talking about transgender student bathrooms and makeup tutorials.

She hasn't been able to figure out which keywords tagged to her videos might trigger the filter.

"The execution is so off the mark," she says.

"It's not about clicks and view counts. It's about these resources being available for young people who would otherwise have no access to them."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Underfed and vulnerable but Anne's resolve is unwavering

THE SHOW: Anne, Season 1, Episodes 1 & 2 (CBC)
THE MOMENT: The stump

Amybeth McNulty is perfect as exuberant Anne. CONTRIBUTED

Siblings Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert (R.H. Thomson and Geraldine James, both perfect) wanted to adopt a boy to help work their Prince Edward Island farm. Instead they got Anne (Amybeth McNulty, also perfect) an exuberant, redheaded orphan tween whose imagination outweighs her underfed frame. Matthew fell for her, but Marilla, more practical, thinks Anne should return to the orphanage.

"Couldn't I do the farm chores even though I'm a girl?" Anne asks.

"That's not the way of things and you know it," Marilla replies.

"But couldn't I?" Anne persists. "I'm as strong as a boy, and I prefer to be outdoors."

Marilla's resolve wavers. "Do you consider yourself to be delicate and incapable?" Anne asks. "Because I don't."

That's the text of this Anne reboot, from creator Moira Walley-Beckett, who went from writing Breaking Bad to creating the backstage-at-the-ballet drama Flesh and Bone to Green Gables.

But Walley-Beckett also gives us subtext. Reading between the novel's lines and adding verisimilitude, she gives us quick but potent glimpses of the miseries many orphans faced in 1890s Imperialist culture.

As Anne makes her case to Marilla, we recall two flashes we've just seen: Anne, alone in a room in an orphan asylum, with two men moving in on her as the door swings shut. And Anne, in indentured servitude to a family with too many children, bent over a stump, skirts lifted, being beaten by a drunk man.

She doesn't tell Marilla why she so desperately needs to stay. But Walley-Beckett makes sure we see it.

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CURLING

Homan knocks off Swiss powerhouse

Rachel Homan and her Canada rink gave themselves a major confidence boost Monday in their quest for gold at the women's world curling championship, handing Switzerland its first loss and taking sole possession of first place in the round-robin standings.

Canada improved to 5-0 with an 8-6 win over the Swiss rink skipped by Alina Paetz, a two-time world champion. The Canadians opened the day with a 7-5 win over the United States.

Homan is looking to lead Canada to its first world title since 2008 while Swiss teams have won the last three gold medals.

It was more than just a routine round-robin win for Canada, said second Joanne Courtney.

Joanne Courtney THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Absolutely," she said. "I think the Swiss are very strong at the worlds, and you can see that in their previous championships. So we take them very seriously. We always have a good game with them."

The loss dropped the Swiss into a second-place tie with Sweden at 4-1. The Czechs and Scotland are tied for fourth at 3-2.

The Canadian squad started the tournament with victories over China, Germany and Russia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MIDDLE EAST

Baseball draws new players in Palestinian women

The young Palestinian women don baseball caps on top of their Islamic headscarves and field tennis balls with fabric gloves, giving a decidedly local feel to the great American pastime.

They are trying to bring baseball to the Gaza Strip, an effort that is still in its early innings.

The players, who work out on a small soccer pitch in a southern Gaza town, admit they are still trying to understand the rules of the complicated sport. With pitches lobbed underhand, the game they play is closer to softball.

"I only know it through TV," said Valentina Shaer, a 23-year-old English literature student.

Mahmoud Tafesh, the team's coach, said he has dreamed of bringing baseball to Gaza since he was introduced to the game last year.

Although baseball is a fringe sport throughout the soccer-crazy Middle East, the game has grown in popularity. Iraq has a national team, and one of the country's coaches introduced Tafesh to baseball last year while both were in Egypt, which now boasts a baseball and softball federation.

Young women are adding a local flair to baseball in the southern Gaza Strip. KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tafesh admits he still has much to learn. He is unfamiliar with any of the teams or players in Major League Baseball and gets most of his knowledge from YouTube videos.

When he returned to Gaza, he was concerned about the lack of equipment and whether the conservative society, which is governed by the Islamic militant group Hamas, would accept the idea of girls playing the sport.

> **All of us share the same goal: participate and represent the name of Palestine.**
> Iman Mughaier

He first approached girls at the only sports education college in Gaza. To his surprise, he found interest in baseball was stronger among girls than boys, and the sport is now "attracting girls from other fields such as journalism and accountants."

The women say their families had no objection, and some parents even encouraged them. But the society overall has not been as receptive.

Shaer said people "on social media had a bad idea about us," noting abusive comments when their pictures first appeared.

On Sunday, the team, which includes 20 to 30 members, had its weekly practice on a soccer pitch in the female section of Al-Aqsa University.

During batting practice, the hitters took wild swings, often missing but occasionally making solid contact.

The players wore headscarves as well as long-sleeve running tops and loose pants, in keeping with local norms.

"While we face difficulties, we would like a specialized softball field to learn it correctly and train freely without any obstacles," said Iman Shahin, an athlete who studies sports education.

Israel and Egypt imposed a blockade on Gaza after Hamas seized power in 2007, heavily restricting travel and trade, and making it difficult to acquire specialized sports equipment.

Tafesh said he found just one baseball glove in all of Gaza, at the Sports Ministry building, and took it to local tailors who used it to make replicas out of black fabric.

With no proper bats in the territory, the team took a piece of wood and shaped it to look like one.

While seeking funding and real equipment, the women dream of eventually competing abroad.

"All of us share the same goal: participate and represent the name of Palestine outside and show that there are sports for the girls in Gaza," said 24-year-old Iman Mughaier. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOCKEY

U.S. women say they'll continue discussions

The U.S. women's national team says discussions with USA Hockey over an ongoing wage dispute were productive and will continue this week.

The team released a statement Monday night after a lengthy meeting that included almost 20 players and top executives from USA Hockey.

Players announced last week they'd boycott the upcoming world championships in Plymouth, Mich., unless significant progress was made toward a labour agreement.

In the statement, players said the goal was to reach an agreement this week that would still allow them to get to training camp and play in the tournament. Camp was set to begin Wednesday with the tournament beginning March 31. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASEBALL IN BRIEF

Yankees' Gregorius out of WBC with shoulder injury

New York Yankees shortstop Didi Gregorius has a bruised right shoulder, ending his time at the World Baseball Classic and leaving his status for opening day in doubt.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi didn't put a timetable on a return, only saying, "He's going to be sidelined for a bit."

The Yankees start the regular season April 2 at Tampa Bay.

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Donaldson makes his Blue Jays spring debut

Toronto Blue Jays star Josh Donaldson made his spring training debut Monday, going 0-for-2 with a walk in his first game since injuring his right calf more than a month ago.

The 2015 AL MVP hurt himself Feb. 17 while running sprints. He was the designated hitter in an 8-2 loss to Minnesota, and is scheduled to play at third base Wednesday.

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MAKE IT TODAY

Well-formed Tuna Wrap

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Avoid the siren call of the food court and whip up your own healthy, delicious lunch. Not today, chilli fries!

Ready in 10 minutes
Prep time: 5 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients
- 1 can tuna, packed in water (5 oz)
- 1 stem of celery, chopped fine
- 3 or 4 cherry tomatoes, chopped
- 1 or 2 Tbsp mayonnaise
- 2 tortillas
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1/2 avocado, sliced

Directions

1. In a bowl, mix tuna, celery, tomatoes and mayonnaise.

2. Lay your tortillas on a work surface. Spoon a stripe of tuna mixture down the middle of each tortilla. Now lay down a strip of the grated carrot, right next to the tuna. Place slices of avocado right next to the carrot.

3. Wrap one side of the tortilla over the other. Now tuck in the sides and keep rolling so everything is snuggly inside.

4. Slice the tortilla in half and serves with a side of mixed greens.

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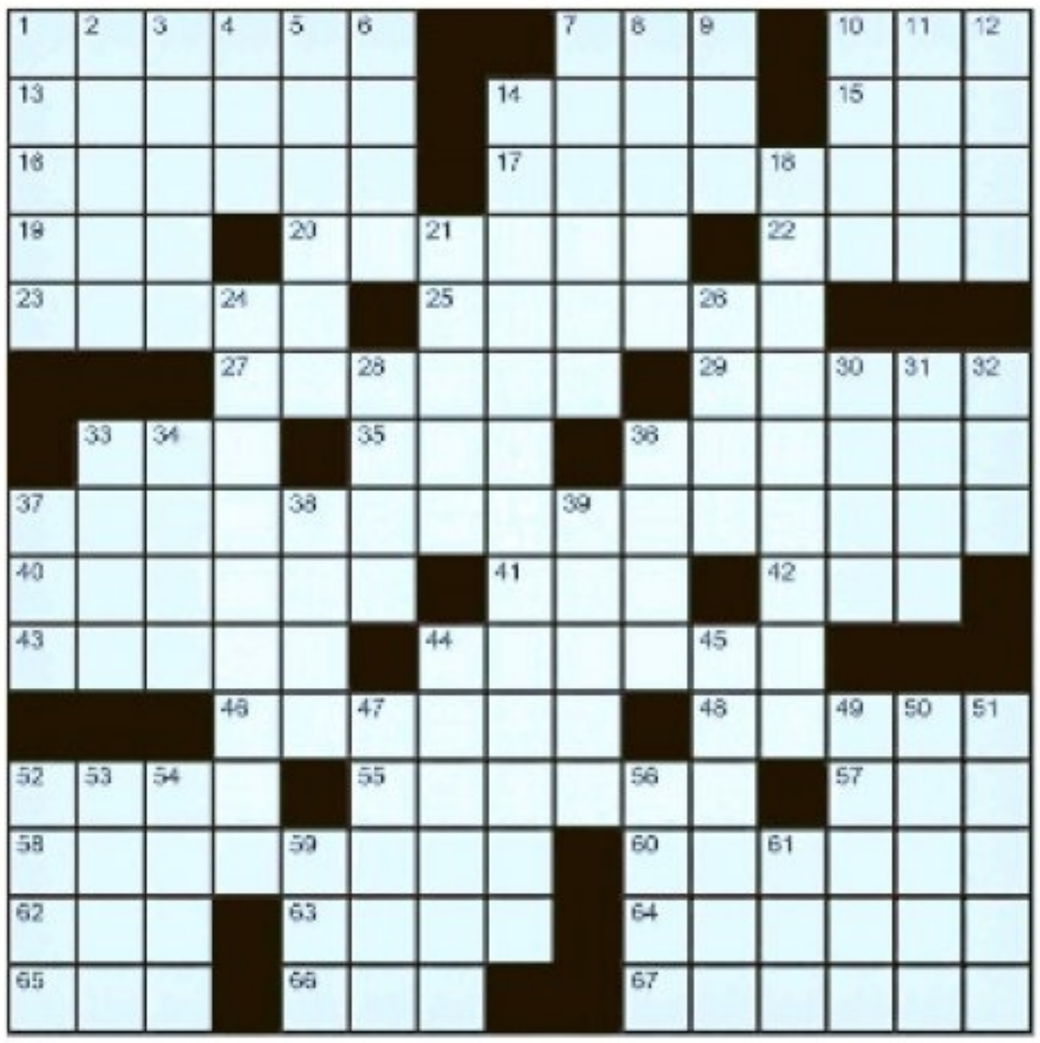
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. North West Mounted Police officer, Sam __ (b.1849 - d.1919)
7. Undergarment, e.g.
10. Canadian restaurant chain, The __ Steakhouse + Bar
13. Pondered
14. __ lily
15. Brick wall's greenery
16. Checking out a website
17. Naysayer
19. Pad __ Mao (Rice noodles dish)
20. Garden statues
22. Via, in verse
23. Accounting firm, __ & Young
25. Most abundant
27. Peoples' possessive pronouns
29. Entice
33. Neither here __ there
35. "The Crying Game" (1992) actor Stephen
36. More blood-and-guts-ish
37. Canadian magician Doug Henning was this political group's candidate (in the Rosedale riding of Toronto) in the 1993 federal election: 3 wds.
40. Unchanged: 3 wds.
41. "__ Kids" (2001)
42. Telephone bk. listings
43. Fettuccine is a form
44. Like the CN logo
46. 1928: Trivial Breath poet Ms. Wylie
48. Requirements
52. 'Shake' with a spoon
55. Expressed
57. Shoppers Drug Mart cosmetics line
58. Population counts
60. Temple ceremony
62. Dramatist's division
63. Way to kick the football
64. Creature in a Tennessee Williams play title
65. 17th Greek letter
66. __ in stone
67. More man-of-the-manor-ly

DOWN
11. Deep Purple's "__ on the Water"
2. Radio dial
3. Ms. DeGeneres
4. High Priest in the Old Testament
5. Distance
6. Shangri-la
7. Summarizing papers
8. The Russian language, in Quebec City
9. Band's bitty blaster
10. __ and kin (Friends and family)
11. Goffin-King
penned tune: "Don't __ Change"
12. Pita serving perhaps
14. Scenic driving route in the Avalon region of Newfoundland: 2 wds.
18. Vocalization
21. Bay window
24. Models when on the fashion runway
26. End the endlessness
28. Epochs
30. Spanish artist, Joan __ (b.1893 - d.1983)
31. Goldfish and canaries
32. "__ (Just a Little Bit Harder)" by Janis Joplin
33. Galaxy gr.
34. Mr. Redding
36. Ms. Paltrow, for short
37. Reclined rest
38. Oman money
39. Towards the ship's left side
44. Aim
45. Jeans hue
47. Periodical's particular publishing
49. = meaning
50. One of the NHL's six Sutter Brothers from Viking, Alberta
51. Sun-related
52. Boo-boo in Al Pacino's 1983 flick
53. __-savvy
54. Call Question link
56. CNN anchor Ms. Burnett
59. Un-downs
61. __ of margarine

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You should know that others notice you today, especially bosses, parents and VIPs. Therefore, be mindful of your behaviour. Fortunately, you will be sympathetic toward someone, which makes you look good.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Thoughts of travelling appeal to you now. In particular, you will appreciate the beauty of arts and crafts from other cultures. You also will enjoy the stimulation of different surroundings.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you have to divide or share something with someone today, you will be more than generous. In fact, remember to be fair to yourself as well. Don't give away the farm.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Today you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. Fortunately, you will find this easy to do because you feel genuinely sympathetic and concerned for someone else's welfare.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Because you feel sympathetic toward a co-worker today, he or she might come to you for advice or counseling. Never pass up an opportunity to practice kindness.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Welcome any opportunity to express your creative talent today. You are not a noun; you are a verb. It's the doing that really counts.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might want to cocoon at home today and seek out some privacy, because you feel the need to catch your breath and enjoy your own space. That's just fine. We all need to do this from time to time.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
When talking to others today, you won't be satisfied with superficial chitchat. You want a real, meaningful discussion with someone. (Not just comments about the weather.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If out shopping today, you might be tempted to spend too much money on luxurious items. It's your nature to go big or go home.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today the moon is in your sign, which makes you more emotional than usual. The good news is that this can attract a little bit of extra good luck!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you will prefer some privacy. Ideally, you will work alone or behind the scenes, because this will suit you best.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A conversation with a female friend is important. Perhaps you need to confide in someone, or someone needs to confide in you.

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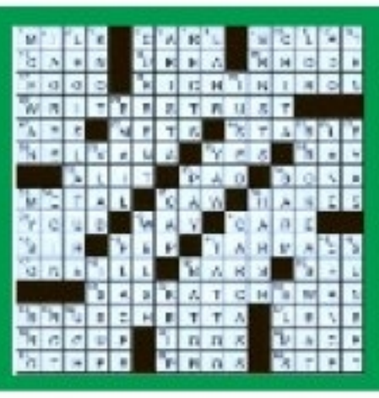

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